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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL) SAFETY

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1. BOEING REGIONAL DIRECTOR R. KEVIN HOWARD TOLD EMBOFF
TODAY THAT AUDIT TEAM REPORT WOULD BE ISSUED FROM SEATTLE
WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. RESUME OF MAIN POINTS OF REPORT AS FOLLOWS; EAL PILOTS
ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL AND WOULD RATE THREE OR ABOVE ON A
SCALE OF ONE TO FOUR. WHILE FLIGHT ENGINEERS IN SOME CASES
LACK PROFESSIONALISM THIS DOES NOT REFLECT ON SAFETY OF
OPERATIONS. THERE IS SOME CRITICISM OF LINE MAINTENANCE BUT
PROBLEM IS NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO AFFECT SAFETY BECAUSE OF
THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE PILOTS. LINE MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS
COULD CAUSE DELAYS HOWEVER. OUT STATION MAINTENANCE IS OUT-
STANDING. TONE OF REPORT IS SLIGHTLY CRITICAL BUT IS FAVOR-
ABLE OVERALL. BOEING PILOTS SAY THEY WOULD NOT HESITATE
THEMSELVES TO FLY EAL. REPORT RECOMMENDS AGAINST A
MAINTENANCE AUDIT TEAM VISIT, PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT NECESSARY.

3. HOWARD SAYS HE WILL GIVE COPY OF FULL REPORT TO
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